

Application No. 10/826,773

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REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 7-11 and 27/1/7 are pending. Claims 12-13, 27/12 and 24-26, 27/24 are canceled.

The Examiner has grouped the claims for restriction purposes as follows:

Group I: claims 1-6, 7-11 and 27/1/7;

Group II: claims 12-23 and 27/12; and

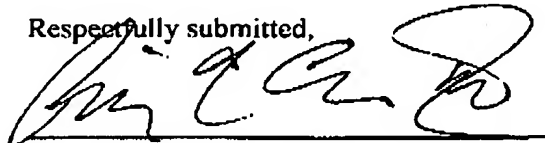
Group III: claims 24-26 and 27/24.

The Applicant hereby elects to continue the prosecution of the Group I claims, i.e., claims 1-6, 7-11 and 27. Non-elected and now canceled claims 12-23, and 24-26 will be pursued in divisional applications to be filed prior to the issuance or abandonment of this application.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned with respect to any questions pertaining to this application (832/446-2409).

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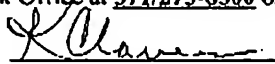
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